GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CAP ON TOURISTS VISITING NATIONAL PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wildlife Boards have put a cap on the number of tourists visiting National Parks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether more tourists are being permitted to visit National Parks in violation of the recommendations made by the Wild life Boards;

(d) if so, the appropriate steps taken/proposed by the Government to carry out a review in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to limit the number of animals in National Parks; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Union Government has issued guidelines to permit the entry of tourists in National Parks, particularly, Tiger Reserves only in accordance of the carrying capacity of the National Park.

(c) & (d) Possibility of visitation of tourists more than the carrying capacity of the National Park can not be ruled out in some cases. However, the State Governments have been requested not to permit the tourists beyond the carrying capacity of the Park.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.